

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Date: November 19, 2025

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Madera County Transportation Commission
In person and Zoom

Members Present: Commissioner Jose Rodriguez, Chair
Commissioner Robert Poythress, Vice Chair
Commissioner Waseem Ahmed
Commissioner Robert Macaulay
Commissioner David Rogers
Commissioner Rohi Zacharia

Members Absent: None

Policy Advisory Committee: Above Members
Shane Gunn, Caltrans District 06

MCTC Staff: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director
Dylan Stone, Principal Regional Planner
Jeff Findley, Principal Regional Planner
Natalia Austin, Senior Regional Planner
Samantha Saldivar, Accounting Technician

1. **CALL TO ORDER by Chair Rodriguez**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

This time is made available for comments from the public on matters within the Board's jurisdiction that are not on the agenda. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes. Attention is called to the fact that the Board is prohibited by law from taking any substantive action on matters discussed that are not on the agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Board does not respond to the public comment at this time. It is requested that no comments be made during this period on items that are on today's agenda. Members of the public may comment on any item that is on today's agenda when the item is called and should notify the Chair of their desire to address the Board when that agenda item is called.

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

MCTC SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

4. **TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS**

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3:05 pm Commissioner Rogers arrived at the meeting

4-A. 2026 Meeting Schedule

Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-B. November 2025 edition of *The Commission Vision*

Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-C. Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund (TTPSF)

Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-D. Save the Date - CALCOG 2026 Regional Leadership Forum

Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-E. Letter of Support - City of Madera Clean California Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway (CCEP) Grant Application

Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-F. 2025 Annual Listing of Projects with Federal Funding

Action: Information and Discussion Only

4-G. MCTC 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 10 – (Type 1 – Administrative Modification)

Action: Ratify

4-H. MCTC 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 11 – (Type 1 – Administrative Modification)

Action: Ratify

4-I. MCTC 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 12 – (Type 3 – Formal)

Action: Ratify

Transportation Consent Calendar Action on Items 4A-4I

Commissioner Poythress requested that Item 4A be pulled for discussion. He noted the need to amend the September 2026 meeting date from September 23 to September 16, 2026.

Following discussion, Commissioner Poythress moved to approve Transportation Consent Items 4A–4I, including the revised meeting dates as presented. Commissioner Macaulay seconded the motion.

A vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Zacharia	Yes
Vote passed 6-0	Yes

5. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5-A. State Legislative Update: October 2025 Bill Matrix and Draft 2026 MCTC Legislative Platform

Action: Direction May Be Provided

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

5-B. State Route 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan – Final (CMCP)

Action: Information and Discussion Only

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

5-C. 2026 Madera County Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

Action: Approve the 2026 Madera County Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) by Resolution 25-11 and direct staff to submit to the California Transportation Commission by December 15, 2025

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

Upon motion by Commissioner Poythress, seconded by Commissioner Macaulay, to approve the Madera County Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). A vote was called and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Zacharia	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

5-D. Draft 2026 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) Update

Action: Information and Discussion Only

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment, no public comment was received.

5-E. California Housing Law & Policy Update – Recap

Action: Information and Discussion Only

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

6. REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Poythress, to reaffirm all actions taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Yes

Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Zacharia	Yes
Vote passed 6-0	

7. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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7-A. Executive Minutes – October 22, 2025

Action: Approve October 22, 2025, Meeting Minutes

7-B. Transportation Development Act (LTF) – Allocation, Resolution 24-09 Amendment No. 4

Action: Approve Resolution 24-09 Amendment No. 4

7-C. Transportation Development Act (STA) – Allocation, Resolution 25-08 Amendment No. 2

Action: Approve Resolution 25-08 Amendment No. 2

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

Administrative Consent Action on Items 7A-7C

Upon motion by Commissioner Macaulay, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, to approve the Administrative Consent Items 7A-7C. A vote was called, and the motion carried.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Zacharia	Yes
Vote passed 6-0	

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

NONE

MCTC SITTING AS THE MADERA COUNTY 2006 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

9. AUTHORITY – ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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9-A. 2026 Meeting Schedule

Action: Information and Discussion Only

9-B. HdL Newsletter – 2nd Quarter 2025

Action: Information and Discussion Only

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

Administrative Consent Calendar Action on Items 9A-9B

Commissioner Poythress requested that Item 9A be pulled for discussion. He noted the need to amend the September 2026 meeting date from September 23 to September 16, 2026.

Following discussion, Commissioner Rogers moved to approve Transportation Consent Items 9A–9B, including the revised meeting dates as presented. Commissioner Poythress seconded the motion.

A vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

Roll call for votes:

Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Poythress	Yes
Commissioner Ahmed	Yes
Commissioner Macaulay	Yes
Commissioner Rogers	Yes
Commissioner Zacharia	Yes
Vote passed 6-0	

10. AUTHORITY – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

10-A. 2025 Focus on the Future Conference Recap

Action: Information and Discussion Only

Chair Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

OTHER ITEMS

11. MISCELLANEOUS

11-A. Items from Staff

Patricia Taylor, Executive Director, provided the following comments:

- The Amtrak San Joaquins service has been rebranded as the Goldrunner. Commissioner Poythress and Director Taylor attended the kickoff event on Friday, November 14, 2025.
- Director Taylor wished everyone a Happy Holidays.
- MCTC is dark in December, the next Policy Board Meeting will be January 21, 2026.

Dylan Stone, Principal Regional Planner, provided the following comment:

- The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has submitted a new emissions model to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review, based on the 2021 EMFAC Emissions Factor model. EPA review and comments are pending, and no timeline for approval has been provided. Once approved, the model will be forwarded to MCTC for testing with MCTC's tools.

11-B. Items from Caltrans

Shane Gunn, Acting Deputy Director, Caltrans District 06 provided the following comments:

- Staffing updates: John Liu, Deputy District Director, Maintenance and Operations, will be retiring at the end of December 2025. Alec Kimmel, Chief, Systems Planning, will be transferring to Caltrans District 05 at the end of December 2025.
- District 06 hosted a tour with Assembly Member Soria last week, visiting projects in Chowchilla, Mendota, and Kerman. The tour provided a valuable opportunity to highlight projects in Chowchilla as well as other projects throughout District 06. On behalf of Caltrans, Director Gunn thanked Director Taylor for the partnership between Caltrans and MCTC.
- The Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant program applications are due November 21, 2025. Virtual workshops and one-on-one consultations have been offered. For any last-minute questions, contact Braden Duran at Caltrans District 06.
- Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to be announced soon. Caltrans will provide letters of support, the deadline to request a letter of support is 14 days after the NOFO to allow time for signatures.
- The South Madera Six Lane Project right-of-way process is in its final stage, awaiting railroad approval. Construction is scheduled to begin in Summer 2026.

- The North Madera Six Lane Project is in the environmental phase. Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) completion is targeted for April 2028, with Ready-to-List (RTL) in 2031.
- The Downtown Madera Capital Preventative Maintenance Project advertised for construction on November 10, 2025. Construction is targeted to begin in May 2026 following the completion of the City of Madera's water project. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony once a contractor is in place.
- The Madera South Expressway Project design is anticipated to be completed December 2025, with construction in Spring 2026.
- The Chowchilla Capital Preventative Maintenance Project is in the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) and Right-of-Way (ROW) phases and is expected to be ready to list in spring 2026.

11-C. Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Poythress made the following comment:

- Commissioner Poythress reported on his attendance at the California Council of Governments (CALCOG) Conference. He noted that CALCOG's membership includes both the large Councils of Governments representing the Bay Area and Southern California, as well as the smaller Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), including Madera. Commissioner Poythress expressed the importance of attending the Conference to provide input. Discussed was the one size does not fit all. It is important that our rural areas are represented well. CALCOG advocates for the MPOs and Councils of Governments, MCTC was able to provide input so advocacy could take place on our behalf.

Commissioner Ahmed made the following comment:

- Commissioner Ahmed thanked Director Taylor and Caltrans for organizing the tour, which included the City of Chowchilla's State Route 233 project. City staff provided positive feedback. Assembly Member Soria noted that hearing about an issue is very different from being in the field and seeing it firsthand.

Commissioner Rodriguez made the following comment:

- Chair Rodriguez announced the passing of former Mayor and City Council Member Herman Perez and expressed condolences to his family and loved ones. A moment of silence was observed by Commissioners and staff.

12. CLOSED SESSION

NONE

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia S. Taylor
Executive Director
Madera County Transportation Commission